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HEARING SCHEDULED IN MATTER  
CONCERNING JUDGE PETER J. MCBRIEN

The Commission announced today that the hearing in this matter will resume with oral argument before the special masters on Friday May 29, 2009, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom One at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

The hearing is being conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Justice Dennis A. Cornell, Court of Appeal, Fifth District; Judge Gail A. Andler, Superior Court of Orange County; and Judge Denise de Bellefeuille, Superior Court of Santa Barbara County.

Commission Trial Counsel Andrew Blum is serving as examiner. Judge McBrien is represented by attorney James A. Murphy of Murphy, Pearson, Bradley & Feeney in San Francisco, California.

Following completion of the hearing, the Special Masters will provide the Commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The Special Masters Report is due June 16, 2009. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the Commission. If the Commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the Commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

The commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is the Hon. Judith D. McConnell of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, in San Diego, California.

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